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SUBJECT: FOMIN NGUZA CALLS FOR OAU MINISTERS ECONOMIC MEETING

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SUMMARY: OAU HAS AGREED TO A SPECIAL MEETING IN KINSHASA BEFORE THE END OF 1976 FOLLOWING FOMIN NGUZA'S CALL FOR SUCH MEETING INVOLVING MINISTERS OF FINANCE, ECONOMY AND PLANNING TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TO SET FORTH A CHARTER OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG AFRICAN STATES.

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END SUMMARY.

2. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION NGUZA PROPOSED A SPECIAL OAU MINISTERS' CONFERENCE DEDICATED TO ECONOMIC PROBLEMS DURING A SPEECH AT THE 27TH OAU MINISTERIAL, ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN DAILY ELIMA HERE. IN HIS JUNE 28 SPEECH, NGUZA REPORTEDLY FIRST MADE THE STANDARD DENUNCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA, BUT THEN CONCENTRATED HIS REMARKS ON THE NEED FOR AFRICAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE UNDERLINED THE LATTER'S IMPORTANCE, SAYING IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AT A TIME WHEN THE FINAL LIQUIDATION OF AFRICAN COLONIALISM WAS ARRIVING.

3. NGUZA DESCRIBED THE AFRICAN ECONOMY AS THE MOST FRAGILE OF ANY CONTINENT'S AND NOTED THAT THE MARKS OF COLONIALISM REMAINED, CAUSING ECONOMIES VERTICALLY LINKED TO THE FORMER COLONIAL POWERS. TAKING NOTE OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THE DISEQUILIBRIUM EXISTING BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES, NGUZA SAID THAT COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE WAS THE PROPER STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPING A SUFFICIENTLY COMPETITIVE AND POWERFUL ECONOMY. QUOTE. INDEED, IT WOULDN'T SERVE ANYTHING FOR US TO GAIN OUR POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE IF WE ARE INCAPABLE OF REACHING ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE. END QUOTE.

4. NGUZA NOTED THE LACK OF INTRA-AFRICAN RELATIONS, REMARKING THAT IT WAS THE STATES WHICH WERE ALWAYS STYLED "IMPERIALISTS" WHICH FLEW TO THE HELP OF A COUNTRY WHICH HAD SUFFERED PROBLEMS. SPEAKING OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, NGUZA STATED IT WOULD NEVER COME ABOUT UNTIL THE COUNTRIES BECAME SELF-RELIANT.

5. IN CONCLUSION, NGUZA PROPOSED THAT CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS (FINANCE, ECONOMIC AND PLANNING, FOR EXAMPLE) BE CALLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE THE TASK OF EXAMINING TRADE BETWEEN AFRICAN COUNTRIES, HARMONIZING TRANSPORTATION METHODS, AND ENCOURAGING INVESTMENTS; IN OTHER WORDS, LAUNCHING OF A TRUE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG AFRICAN COUNTRIES. NGUZA ADDED THAT THE MEETING COULD INCLUDE THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

6. ACCORDING TO GOZ-CONTROLLED DAILY SALONGO JULY 7, OAU AGREED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION IN KINSHASA BEFORE END OF 1976 QUOTE TO STUDY ECONOMIC QUESTIONS IN VIEW OF GALLOPING INFLATION AND THE WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC CRISIS REQUIRING URGENT, UNITED ACTION FOR AFRICA TO HARMONIZE ITS VIEWS AND POSITIONS BEFORE THE WORLD END QUOTE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

7. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: ZAIRE'S ECONOMIC LINKS WITH OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAVE CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF

PARTICIPATION IN THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE TRADITIONAL ZAIRES-RWANDA-BURUNDI TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. WHEN APPROACHED DURING 1975 CONCERNING ECOWAS, ZAIRE EVINCED NO GREAT ENTHUSIASM. ZAIRE'S PROPOSAL FOR A MINISTERIAL ECONOMICS CONFERENCE IS IN LINE, HOWEVER, WITH ZAIRE'S RUMORED INTENTION TO CONVOKE A CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO DISCUSS USES AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ZAIRES RIVER, AND CONTINUES ZAIRE'S POLICY OF OPPOSING STERILE CONFRONTATIONAL ISSUES IN MULTILATERAL FORA. IF THE OAU WERE TO DEVELOP AN INTEREST IN AFRICAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION NOW, IT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HELP PRESERVE THE ORGANIZATION IN THE FUTURE WHEN DECOLONIZATION AS A GOAL MAY HAVE PASSED ITS PRIME.

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